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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 11 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL
INTEREST

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1. BALTIMORE SUN PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH
REPORTING THAT SENATE LAST FRIDAY SENT PRESIDENT CARTER
SIGNAL THAT IT WANTS ANY SALT PACT TO BE PROPOSED IN FORM
OF TREATY REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF APPROVAL. AP SAID
"SENSE OF SENATE, RESOLUTION APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE SAYS
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONSULTED ON WHETHER

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS COME TO SENATE AS TREATIES.

2. GAYLORD SHAW OF LOS ANGELES TIMES QUOTED OFFICIALS AS SAYING CTB TREATY COULD HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON ECONOMY OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, REDUCING CURRENT 5,000 JOBS DIRECTLY RELATED TO NUCLEAR TESTING BY MORE THAN 1,000. CURRENT ANNUAL PAYROLL, HE SAID, IS 100 MILLION DOLLARS. RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL MAHLON GATES, MANAGER OF NEVADA TEST RANGE, SAID "PROLONGED BAN MIGHT CAUSE SOME OF OUR PEOPLE TO SEEK GREENER PASTURES ELSEWHERE." GATES SAID HE WAS SEEKING OTHER TEST PROGRAMS FOR AREA SO IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO KEEP PERSONNEL THERE IN EVENT THAT TESTING WAS

STOPPED BUT WAS RESUMED LATER. TEST DIRECTOR TROY WADE SAID BAN ON ALL TESTS "IS WORTHY GOAL AND ONE TO WHICH WE SHOULD STRIVE." SHAW SAID GOVERNMENT OPENED ITS 1,350-SQUARE MILE NEVADA TEST RANGE TO NEWS MEDIA RECENTLY FOR FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS. NOTING THAT U.S. CONDUCTED SEVEN NUCLEAR TESTS THIS YEAR, AND SOVIET UNION AT LEAST FOUR IN AUGUST ALONE, SHAW SAID ALL THIS INDICATED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WERE RUSHING TO COLLECT MAXIMUM DATA ON NEW WEAPONS, BEFORE POSSIBLE CTB TREATY. SHAW QUOTED DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICIALS AS SAYING THERE HAD BEEN TEN RECORDED SOVIET TESTS THIS YEAR, ELEVEN IN 1977 AND NINE IN 1976. THE U.S. ANNOUNCED 12 TESTS IN 1977 AND 16 IN 1976.

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3. THOMAS W. LIPPMAN OF WASHINGTON POST, REPORTING FROM CAIRO, QUOTED INFORMED MILITARY SOURCES AS SAYING THAT ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION IS NEARING POINT WHERE IT WILL BEGIN MANUFACTURING MISSILES AND HELICOPTERS. "THIS WILL BE FIRST TIME MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN BUILT IN ARAB WORLD RATHER THAN BEING IMPORTED FROM U.S., WESTERN EUROPE OR SOVIET BLOC," LIPPMAN SAID. ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION WAS SET UP THREE YEARS AGO BY EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO PUT ARABS INTO BUSINESS OF MAKING AND SELLING SOPHISTICATED INSTRUMENTS OF WAR. "ARAB DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED WEAPONS AND TECHNOLOGY WILL REMAIN HIGH FOR YEARS TO COME, MILITARY EXPERTS SAY, AND NOTHING NEW ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM WOULD ALTER MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL, WHICH ALREADY PRODUCES ITS OWN COMBAT JETS. IN LONG RUN, HOWEVER, ARAB ARMS PROGRAM COULD INCREASE OVERALL LEVEL OF ARAB MILITARY TECHNOLOGY AND MOVE ARABS TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN SOME TYPES OF WEAPONS., TROUBLING TO WESTERN GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH ORGANIZATION, LIPPMAN SAID, IS QUESTION OF WHO BESIDES FOUR FOUNDING COUNTRIES MIGHT BUY ORGANIZATION'S WEAPONS.

"ALTHOUGH PARTICIPANTS IN CONTRACTS ALREADY SIGNED HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE DETAILS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT BOTH BRITAIN AND FRANCE EXTRACTED COMMITMENTS THAT GIVE THEM SOME CONTROL OVER MARKETING OF HELICOPTERS AND MISSILES TO BE PRODUCED."

4. WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW ON CONCLUSION OF PAUL WARNKE'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. AP NOTED THAT WARNKE MET WITH SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, WHO WAS IN USSR TO ATTEND HEALTH CONFERENCE IN ALMA ATA. KENNEDY, SAYING HE EXPECTED TO MEET WITH BREZHNEV, TOLD NEWSMEN HE PLANNED TO URGE SOVIET LEADER TO TAKE SOME STEPS TO REVERSE CURRENT ANTI-SOVIET MOOD IN U.S. AS WAY OF EASING PASSING OF NEW SALT ACCORD IN SENATE. UNCLASSIFIED

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KENNEDY NOTED THAT MUCH OF DEBATE ON ANY SALT TREATY CARTER ADMINISTRATION PRESENTS TO SENATE WILL FOCUS ON OVERALL CLIMATE OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. "IT'S TOUGH MOOD AT PRESENT TIME," KENNEDY SAID. "WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT STEPS ARE TAKEN TO TRY TO IMPROVE IT, BUT I JUST HOPE TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS ONE SENATOR'S VIEW ON SOME OF FACTORS THAT HAVE AN IMPACT AND INFLUENCE." AP QUOTED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS SAYING WARNKE'S TALKS IN MOSCOW WERE USEFUL, CONSTITUTED FURTHER STEP IN REACHING AN ACCORD AND WERE NOT NEGATIVE IN TONE. AS RESULT, SOURCES ADDED, VANCE-GROMYKO MEETINGS SHOULD BE SIMPLIFIED. AMONG HANDFUL OF ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED, AP SAID, WAS QUESTION OF WHEN NEW ACCORD WOULD TAKE EFFECT. U.S. POSITION, AP POINTED OUT, IS THAT NEW TREATY SHOULD BE RETROACTIVE, WHILE SOVIETS WANT PACT TO TAKE EFFECT WHEN IT IS SIGNED.

5. CHARLES CORDDRY OF BALTIMORE SUN SAID SENATOR HENRY JACKSON, APPEARING ON NBC NETWORK'S MEET PRESS" YESTERDAY, STATED FLATLY THAT SENATE "WOULD NOT RATIFY" SALT PACT AS IT NOW STANDS. WHAT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED TO DATE, JACKSON SAID, ADDS UP TO AN "UNEQUAL AND UNFAIR" AGREEMENT FROM U.S. STANDPOINT. CHRISTOPHER

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